

## How Can I Be Sure That I am Loved?

Lesson 4 – I Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

September 4, 2024

Sometimes the places where we would most expect to find love-families, churches and fellowship groups-fail miserably in providing the love we crave.

GROUP DISCUSSION: On a scale of 1-10, how loved do you feel by members of your family? Your church?

1. How would you feel if you received a personal letter like this in the mail today?
2. What evidence do you find in this passage that Paul really did love the Thessalonians?
3. How do you most often express your love for others?
4. What fears caused Paul to send Timothy to Thessalonica (3:2-5)?
5. How can a person like Timothy bring reassurance to people who are struggling?
6. Why did Paul warn the Thessalonians that they were destined for persecution?
7. How can you be prepared for trials and persecutions?
8. Why was Timothy's report such good news to Paul (3:6-8)?
9. What are Paul's desires for the Thessalonians (3:10-13)?
10. How do these desires reflect Paul's love and caring?
11. How might Paul's example have helped the Thessalonians' love to "increase and overflow" (v 12)?

### Homework for Sept 11:

The book of James gives many practical suggestions of how love can be put into action. Read through James, making a list of these examples: